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Late names
Max McCullough / or Informer calls
Max - Smith or what?

MARCH 13, 1968 (Wednesday) continued.

At 12:20PM March 13, 1968 170 teenagers were led by the REV. E. L. BROWN from Clayborn Temple to City Hall, and upon the return trip about 50 of this group separated from the Main group, and one of this group attacked an elderly Male White on Second Street. This splinter group led by the REV. ULYSSES GRANT and the REV. JOYNER rejoined the main group at Beale and Hernando, and when Memphis Police Department Squad cars passed in front of Clayborn Temple, they yelled to the officers, "We dare you to come into the Church." The REV HAROLD MIDDLEBROOK is reported to have said to this group upon their return, "We have gone up there and prayed they would change their minds. If they don't by tonight, they will wish they had." 180)

At 3:25PM a second march of 30-40 students was led from Clayborn Temple, and this march was followed by approximately 125 adults. There were no incidents involved in this march, but after the group returned to Clayborn Temple they were addressed by REV EZEKIEL BELL, who carried on a tirade against the City Council calling them "Jackasses." 181)

MARCH 14, 1968 (Thursday)

ROY WILKINS, executive Direction, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and BAYARD RUSTIM of the A. Philip Randolph Institute encouraged sanitation workers and their supporters in speeches to an estimated 9000 persons gathered at Mason Temple on March 14, 1968. 182)

On March 14, 1968 in the Press Scimitar there was a story under the caption: 6 ARE ARRESTED BLOCKING GARBAGE TRUCKS. 6 Sanitation Strike Sympathizers were arrested when they blocked the road to the entrance to the Democrat Road Dump. Two of those arrested had been arrested earlier in the strike and placed on 60 day probation by Judge CHURCHILL. They were; REV. MALCOLM BLACKBURN, and WILLIE JAMES KIMP of 1015 Palermo. After the arrest the other demonstrators left. This same story reports that MAYOR LOEB, following a meeting at an Industrial Exhibition at Memphis State University was faced with a group of more than 100 youths, protesting the garbage strike. He spoke to them and invited them to the City Council Meeting on Thursday. 183)

On March 14, 1968 garbage trucks picking up garbage at Douglas High were met with a barrage of bottles from the students. 30 people were arrested at 3rd and Pontotoc and charged with a State Charge of Disorderly Conduct following an encounter of Marchers with Garbage trucks at that location. 184)

APRIL 4, 1968 (Thursday)

At 9:40AM April 4, 1968 Memphis Police Department received information through Intelligence Sources that the Ku Klux Klan would not come to Memphis 4/4/68 for fear that they might be blamed for anything which might happen, and any Klansman in Memphis on 4/4/68 was here without the approval of the Klan officials. 342)

At 1:45PM April 4, 1968 there was a rumor abroad that Stokeley Carmichael had arrived in Memphis but this was not verified. 343)

At approx. 3:30PM Intelligence information was received that there was a plot abroad to kill Detective E. E. Redditt. He had been called at the Fire House, where he was maintaining surveillance on the activities of Martin LUTHER KING, and his party, at 12:45PM by a Female Colored, who indicated that she knew he was there, and said his spying was an offense against his people. After receiving this information Detective Redditt was removed from his post at the Fire Station for his own safety, and Plmn. W. B. Richmond remained at the Firestation keeping Surveillance on the Lorraine Motel and DR. KING"S party. 344)

Mr. Frank C. Holloman relates that on April 4, 1968 he, and Chief H. E. Lux, and Chief J. C. Macdonald, were in Federal Court, where they testified in connection with the injunction that the City was seeking. ANDREW YOUNG, and others testified for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At 4PM the Court took the case under advisement, and a temporary restraining order was issued against MARTIN LUTHER KING and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

At 5PM a confidential report from outside Memphis arrived advising that R. A. M. (Revolutionary Action Movement) had plans to assassinate Detective E. E. Redditt, who had been active throughout the strike providing the Police Department with Intelligence Information and a security plan was laid out for him. 345)

Detective Redditt's report for 4/4/68 indicates from 10:30AM on there was considerable activity at the Lorraine Motel, and almost continuous meetings between, S. C. L. C (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) officials, local C. O. M. E. (Community on the Move for Equality) officials and the local black activists known as the Invaders. Of this latter group, JOHN HENRY FERGUSON, THEODORE MANUAL, CHARLES CABBAGE, JOHN B. SMITH, MILTON MACK and others were observed coming and goin from Room

APRIL 4, 1968 (Thursday) continued

315 which was their Headquarters at the Lorraine Motel. 346)

Ptlmn. W. B. Richmond's log, which continues after Detective E. E. Redditt was removed from his post at the Fire House reflects somewhat of a lull in the activities at the Lorraine Motel until about 5:50PM when all of the Invaders were observed to leave Room 315, Bag and Baggage. 347)

WHY? did they leave?

At approximately 5:55PM REV. SAMUEL KYLES was observed to go to the room of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and DR. KING was observed speaking with REV. KYLES at the doorway to his room. 348)

X-check with paper

At approximately 5:58PM a car arrived in the courtyard of the Lorraine Motel and REV. JAMES ORANGE, and REV. JAMES BEVEL of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference weee observed to disembark from it along with a Female Negro known as CLARA ESTES. 349)

At approximately 6PM DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING came from his room and leaned over the handrail speaking to some of the S. C. L. C. group standing in the driveway when a sharp retort was heard, and DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING fell backward on the floor of the balcony. 350)

At 6:01PM Ptlmn. W. B. Richmond telephoned the Intelligence Office of the Memphis Police Department and reported that DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. had been shot. 351)

ask Richmond Cop reaction

Ptlmn. W. B. Richmond reported that there were approximately 10 Male Negroes in the Parking Lot of the Lorraine Motel at the time DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot. 352)

Fire Station?

X-Check with House

A review of the Dictograph tapes of the radio transmissions between 6PM and 6:20PM April 4, 1968 reflect that Tact 10 which was at the Lorraine Motel at the time of the shooting was the first to report the Assassination of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. at 6:03PM. At 6:05PM a Signal Q order was put out, and all tact Units were advised to form a ring around the Lorraine Motel, and allow no one to enter or leave, and to stop all traffic, motor and pedestrian.

At 6:06PM Tact 10 advised that the shot had been fired from a brick building directly across from the Lorraine Motel. At 6:06PM the the order was put out to seal the whole area around the Lorraine Motel. At 6:07PM the weapon was located in front of 424 S. Main, and a suspect

Time right?

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